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RESPONSE
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Sir:

Responsive to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed November 17, 2004,

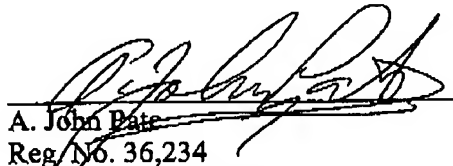
Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Species II, defined by the examiner to include Figures 3, 5-18, 31, 39-43, and 48-54. Applicant finds that claims 1-15, 21-33, 39, and 40 read on the elected species.

Applicant asserts that unelected claims 16-20 and 34-38 are proper claims dependent on generic claim 1. Should a generic claim 1 be allowed, Applicant reserves the right to have claims 16-20 and 34-38 considered.

Applicant having fully responded to the examiner's Action and made the required election, early action on the merits of elected claims 1-15, 21-33, 39, and 40 is now in order.

DATED this 7th day of December, 2004.

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